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SUBJECT: BRHMAN CATTLE SALE CONTROVERSY

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1. THE MANILA COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE RECENTLY ISSUED ON ATTACHMENT ORDER AGAINST THE PROPERTIES IN THE PHILIPPINES OF MICHELSON LIVESTOCK INTERNATIONAL, INC. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, THIS INCLUDES 122 HEAD OF BRAHMAN CATTLE. THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY FRANCISCO J. NICOLAS WHO WON THE BIDG FOR THE 285 HEAD OF CATTLE.

2. ACCORING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, NICOLAS HAS FILED A CLAIM FOR P1.1 MILLION, CONSISTING OF P154,838.59 COMMISSION (CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN PAID ONLY P24,000), P80,850.95 FOR INCREASE IN LIABILITY WITH PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, P952.20 DAILY BANK INTEREST, AND P800,000 REPRESENTING ACTUAL AND MORAL DAMAGES, LEGAL EXPENSES, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES. THE COURT RULED THAT MICHELSON IS GUILTY OF FRAUD IN CONTRACTING THE DEBT OR IN INCURRING THE OBLIGATION.

4. APPARENTLY, THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS HAS DECLARED THE CATTLE, LOCATED ON A GOVERNMENT STOCK FARM, QUOTE ABANDONED IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT AND TO BE DISPOSED OF IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. UNQUOTE THE ABANDONMENT PROCEDURES WERE ISSUED DUE TO THE REPORTED FAILURE OF NICOLAS TO FILE THE CORRESPONDING IMPORT ENTRY WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED. NICOLAS HAS APPEALED FOR A RECONSIDERATION OF THE ABANDONMENT PROCEDURES.

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5. IN A CONVERSATION WITH SEC. TANCO, HE VOLUNTEERED THAT  
MICHELSON QUOTE PULLED A FAST ONE UNQUOTE AND IS CONVINCED THAT  
MICHELSON SOLD THE CATTLE TO THE GOP FOR A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN  
HE PAID FOR THEM.

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